district of Tripura State, The plant is capable of absorbing the entire production of pineapple in and around the factory.

As a market intervention operation, NERAMAC procured various commodities. Even though the procurement made by NERAMAC is not significant, the entry of NERAMAC in the market has enabled the farmers to get remunerative prices.

(b) Till 1988, the pineapple growers in North Tripura District were getting only around 20 paise per Kg. of pineapple. Because of NERAMAC's Fruit Juice Concentrate Plant having been set up, the pineapple growers are now paid at the rate of Rs. 1.20 per Kg. This has up lifted the economic condition of tribal farmers. Till middle of 1985, citronella grass growers were getting Rs. 60 per Kg. of citronella oil and they are now getting over Rs. 250 per Kg. This has been due to NERAMAC's market intervention programme and has up lifted the economy of citronella growers of upper Assam. The NERAMAC also arranged to procure produce like ginger, pineapple, tezpatta, red lemon from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland and vegetables from Mizoram and marketed them in the terminal markets by paying remunerative prices to the farmers.

(c) The number of fruit processing units operating in the Region is 47.

(d) The value of turn over in respect of the units is not maintained centrally. However, it may mentioned that NERAMAC produced 215 MT concentrate valuing Rs. 75 lakhs.

(e) NERAMAC procures fruit products of small scale industries (SSI) units and sells them through its retail outlets, thereby helping the SSI units.

(f) The product of NERAMAC has not been exported so far and no foreign exchange has been earned.

Incentives offered to small scale and major foreign investor in Food Processing Sector

2695. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING the reply to Unstarred Question 218 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 1993 and state:

(a) the details of the major incentives technical, fiscal and others offered to small scale and foreign major investor in food processing sector;

(b) details of the total estimates of investment cleared so far State-wise in general and for Maharashtra in particular; and

(c) details of foreign investment cleared in Maharashtra and implications thereof during the Eighth Plan Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Several incentives are provided to foreign investors and small scale units in food processing sector. With the liberalisation of Industrial Policy in July, 1991, Food Processing industries have been placed in the high priority list for grant of automatic approval of foreign equity participation upto 51 per cent. Automatic permission is given for foreign technology agreements in fold processing industries upto a lump-sum payment of Rs. 1 crore, 5 per cent royalty for domestic sales and 8 per cent for exports subject to a toat lpayment of 8 per cent of sales over a 10 year period from date of agreement of 7 years from commencement of production. NRIs/OCBs are permitted investment upto 100 per cent of foreign equity. Procedure for hiring foreign technicians has been liberalise.. Certain food products are specifically reserved for manufacture in the small scale sector. In the Union Budget for 1993-94, union excise duty is proposed to be exempted for small scale industries with a turn over upto Rs. 30 lakhs for goods manufactured under one or more than one chapter under the Central Excise Tariff.

(b) and (c) Subsequent to the liberalisation of Industrial Policy in July 1991, till December, 1992 Government have approved investment proposals of approx. Rs. 4012 crores in food, Processing and deep sea fishing sectors which include proposals of joint ventures, export-oriented units, units requiring industrial licence, units with NRIs', OCB investment and units for which plan assistance have been provided. These proposals envisage a total investment of Rs. 228.15 crores in Maharashtra which includes foreign investment of Rs. 94.5 crores. Besides, 210 industrial entrepreneurs' memoranda have been filed involving an investment of approx. Rs. 5544 crores in Maharashtra, till December, 1992.

केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अधीन अर्ध-चिकित्सा कर्मचारियों के संबंध में प्रतिवेदन

2696. **श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के अधीन भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति और होम्योपैथी के विभिन्न औषधालयों में अर्ध-चिकित्सा कर्मचारियों की विभिन्न श्रेणियों के पदों की स्वीकृति के संबंध में सरकार के कर्मचारी निरीक्षण एकक ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस एकक की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार कर लिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के विभिन्न औषधालयों के लिए अपेक्षित स्टॉफ स्वीकृत किए जाने के अलावा सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) ये सिफारिशें डाक्टर, रोगी और फार्मेसिस्ट-सह-लिपिक रोगी मानदण्ड तथा फार्मेसिस्ट-सह-लिपिकों और नर्सिंग अर्दलियों के कुल अतिरिक्त पदों की मंजूरी के बारे में हैं।

(ग) सरकार ने अभी रिपोर्ट स्वीकार नहीं की है।

(घ) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Duties performed by Phamacists/Store Keeper of Central Government Health

2697. **SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:** Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pharmacists/Store keeper of CGHS dispensaries of Indian system of Medicine and Homoeopathy in Delhi are doing relieving duties in their units under all zonal headquarters;

(b) if so, the details of relieving duties performed by these staff in their units w.e.f. 1st January, 1990 to date; and

(c) the reasons for not providing leave reserve and relieving pharmacists to avoid complaints and inconveniences to the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) On rare occasion pharmacists/store keepers have to perform relieving duties to meet temporay exigencies.

(b) No record is maintained as the arrangement is of a stop-gap nature resorted only to meet temporary exigencies.

(c) Leave reserve is not provided for meeting stop-gap arrangements.